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NSW 2021: A PLAN TO MAKE NSW NUMBER ONE

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today released a strategic plan to guide NSW through the next decade targeting \$650 billion in new business investment and the creation of 475,000 more jobs over the next 10 years.

NSW 2021 is the NSW Government's 10 year strategic plan setting immediate priorities for action and guiding resource allocation within the NSW Budget.

"The people of NSW have demanded real change and work is well underway to deliver," Mr O'Farrell said.

NSW 2021 contains 32 goals and 180 targets to drive action, based around five strategies:

- **Rebuild the Economy** - restore economic growth and establish NSW as the first place in Australia to do business
- **Return Quality Services** - provide the best transport, health, education, police, justice and family services, with a focus on customer needs
- **Renovate Infrastructure** - build infrastructure that drives our economy and improves people's lives
- **Strengthen our Local Environment and Communities** - improve people's lives by protecting natural environments and building a strong sense of community
- **Restore Accountability to Government** – strengthen trust in public institutions, return planning powers to the community and give people a say on decisions that affect them.

"NSW 2021 is about meeting high community expectations for NSW," he said.

"The plan is ambitious and we will work with all levels of Government, the community, business and individuals to achieve the goals we have set.

"Through this plan, the people of NSW can hold me and my team accountable for our achievements against our commitments.

"I invite the community to be involved in delivering the change. Over the next year we will consult with Local Government and communities' right across NSW to identify actions that can be taken to improve outcomes in each region and locality. I will also hold an annual community and business leader's forum to examine progress and identify new initiatives."

To ensure progress is reported honestly and accurately, an independent audit will verify NSW 2021 performance data prior to the release of an annual performance report.

To have your say, download the plan or for more information go to
www.2021.nsw.gov.au

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NSW 2021 – Delivering the change

NSW 2021 sets immediate priorities for action and guides resource allocation in conjunction with the NSW Budget. The plan will deliver the following improvements for the people of NSW:

Rebuild the Economy

- 100,000 new jobs, including 40,000 in regional NSW
- New infrastructure
- More land available for housing and jobs
- Grow critical industries and investment
- 20% red tape reduction
- Improving public sector efficiency
- Boosting skills and qualifications

Return quality Services

- Real-time information for motorists, transport users and hospitals
- New train services for the Central Coast & Western Sydney
- Electronic transport ticketing system
- Upgrade black spots including the Pacific Highway
- Make available 1,390 hospital beds and 2,475 nurses
- Strengthened police recruitment and new drug court

Renovate Infrastructure

- Infrastructure NSW to deliver strategic infrastructure
- 20 year State Infrastructure Strategy
- North West and South West rail links
- New Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre
- Funded five year infrastructure plans
- Sectoral strategies for key industries, such as freight

Strengthen our Local Environment and Communities

- New National Parks including Dharawal
- Dedicated Western Sydney program for Sydney Festival
- \$47 million for sport and recreation infrastructure
- Wireless internet hotspots in rural and regional libraries
- New *Neighbourhood Watch* program and graffiti hotline
- More local participation in environmental management

Restore Accountability to Government

- Certainty for communities and investors through a new planning system
- Return planning powers to local communities
- Increase access to government information
- One-stop shops for multiple transactions and a single government hotline
- New mobile apps and improved online services
- Enhanced government consultation website
- Establish Customer Service and Public Service Commissions
- An independent professional public service